

SWEETWATER SPRINGS WATER DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

**MINUTES\***  
(\*In order discussed)

Board of Directors Meeting  
July 10, 2013  
6:30 p.m.

**Board Members Present:**

Victoria Wikle  
Tim Lipinski  
Gaylord Schaap  
Richard Holmer

**Board Members Absent:**

Sukey Wilder

**Staff in Attendance:**

Steve Mack, General Manager  
Christine M. Hanley, for  
Julie A. Kenny, Secretary to the Board

**Others in Attendance:**

David Warner, Meyers Nave et al.  
Rick Brandis, Brandis Tallman  
Nicki Tallman, Brandis Tallman  
Lloyd Guccione  
Chuck Ramsey, Monte Rio Chamber &  
Monte Rio Alliance  
AT & T Representative  
Raj Hammick, Consultant for AT & T  
Other (identified) members of the public (30)  
(See Attached List of Names)

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The properly agendized meeting was called to Order by President Holmer at 6:30 p.m. President Holmer described the meeting procedures.

**II. CHANGES TO AGENDA and DECLARATION OF CONFLICT (6:34 p.m.)**

President Holmer requested that Item V-C (Proposed Cell Tower at Highland Treatment Facility) be moved up to follow Item V-A (Creation of a citizens group to evaluate election of Board Members by Districts). There were no objections.

**III. CONSENT CALENDAR (6:35 p.m.)**

Director Wikle moved to approve the Consent Calendar as submitted. Director Lipinski seconded. Motion carried 4-0. The following items were approved:

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the June 4, 2013 Special Board Meeting and the June 6, 2013 Regular Board Meeting
- B. Approval of Operations Warrants/Online payments/EFT payment
- C. Receipt of Item(s) of Correspondence

#### IV. PUBLIC COMMENT (6:40 p.m.)

Public comment was made by Chuck Ramsey of the Monte Rio Chamber & Monte Rio Community Alliance.

#### V. ADMINISTRATIVE (6:45 p.m.)

- A. **(6:45 p.m.) Discussion/Action re: Creation of a citizen's study group to evaluate election of Board Members by Districts.** This item was requested by customer Lloyd Guccione, who provided an overview of the item. Board discussion ensued. No action was taken.

*\*\*The meeting relocated into the central office area at 7:00 p.m., due to the number of people in attendance.*

- C. **(7:00 p.m.) Discussion/Action re: Proposed AT & T Cell Tower at Highland Treatment Facility.** The GM provided an overview of this item. Board discussion ensued. District Counsel David Warner provided comments. Public comment was made by twenty-three (23) members of the public (See attached list of speakers.) AT & T Representative Shane Bera provided comments. Further discussion ensued. AT & T Consultant Raj Hammick provided further comments. Further Board discussion ensued. Director Schaap moved to drop lease negotiations with AT & T. Director Lipinski seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

*\*\* At 8 p.m. the Board took a brief recess. The meeting reconvened at 8:10 p.m. in the Conference Room.*

- B. **(8:10 p.m.) Discussion/Action re: Progress on Refinancing District USDA Bonds**  
The GM provided an overview of this item. Board discussion ensued. Direction was given to staff to pursue private placement. A Budget Committee meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, July 16 at 4:00pm.
- D. **(8:30 p.m.) Discussion/Action re: Proposed Changes to Purchasing and Conflict of Interest Policies**  
The GM provided an overview of this item. Board discussion ensued. No action was taken, but this item was agendaized for the August Board meeting.
- E. **(8:40 p.m.) Discussion/Action re: 2012 – 2013 Annual Review**  
The GM reviewed the 2013 Annual Review with the Board. Comments were made by Director Robb-Wilder. Discussion ensued. No action was taken.
- F. **(9:05 p.m.) Discussion/Action re Establishing an Agenda E-mail List**  
This item was requested by Director Schaap. The GM provided an overview of this item. Board discussion ensued. No action was taken.

#### VI. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (9:15 p.m.)

The General Manager gave a brief oral presentation of the items in the report:

1. Laboratory testing

2. Water Production and Sales
3. Leaks
4. Flow at Hacienda Bridge
5. 2014 CIP
6. Toilet Rebate / Direct Install Program
7. In-House Construction Projects
8. Gantt Chart

## VII. BOARD MEMBERS' ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS

(9:25 p.m.)

Director Holmer commented re need for salinity monitoring in Monte Rio pursuant to closure of the mouth of the Russian River at Jenner, CA.

## VIII. CLOSED SESSION (9:26 p.m.)

At 9 26 p.m. President Holmer announced the items for discussion in Closed Session. The Board went into Closed Session at 9:26 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 9:49 p.m. and the following actions on Closed Session items were announced:

- A. Conference with Real Property Negotiator pursuant to Gov. Code Section 54956.7  
Property: 17448 River Lane, Guerneville  
Agency negotiator: Steve Mack  
Negotiating parties: SSWD and Russian River Park and Recreation District  
*No action was taken.*
- B. Conference with Real Property Negotiators pursuant to Gov. Code Section 54956.7  
Property Mt. Jackson cell tower property, Guerneville  
Agency negotiator: Steve Mack  
Negotiating parties: SSWD and Unisom  
Director Wikle moved to drop negotiations with Unisom. Director Lipinski seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

## IX. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA (9:50 p.m.)

1. Monte Rio Chamber re: Triangle
2. Introduce Ordinance re: Purchasing and Conflict of Interest policies
3. Private placement bond refunding/refinancing approval
4. Payoff of USDA balance
5. End of Year Variances – Actual vs. Budget
6. Establishing an Agenda e-mail list

## ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine M. Hanley for Julie A. Kenny  
Clerk to the Board of Directors

APPROVED:

Victoria Wikle: \_\_\_\_\_  
Gaylord Schaap: \_\_\_\_\_  
Sukey Robb-Wilder: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tim Lipinski: \_\_\_\_\_  
Richard Holmer \_\_\_\_\_

**PUBLIC COMMENT LIST of SPEAKERS**

1. Ron Redmon
2. Michael de Proto
3. Rick Harrington
4. Lady with Baby
5. Cory Goodman
6. Jo-Ann Bacci
7. Willa Amorelli
8. Man w/Hat
9. Costa Schuler
10. Eddie Sallee
11. Jim Fullmer
12. Ann Erickson
13. Lois Pearlman
14. Gayle Surabian
15. Anna Nabutovsky
16. Uri Hill
17. John Leyden
18. Georgia Leyden
19. Dwight Randolph
20. Steve Gibbs
21. Chuck Ramsey
22. Gary Digman
23. Ellie

**Sweetwater Springs Water District**

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**Voluntary Sign in List**

**Name:**

1. Lloyd Guccione
2. Pasha@svaha.com
3. Chuck Ramsey – MR Chamber & MR Community Alliance
4. Steve Gibbs, Technician
5. Ann Erickson, Sweetwater Customer, Parent of children who went to Guerneville School
6. Doreen Atkinson
7. Nelson Johnson
8. Green Aree?????
9. Michael de Proto
10. Samantha Grey
11. Rick Harrington
12. Vicki Halstead
13. Georgia Leyden
14. Lois Pearlman
15. Sonia Tubridy
16. John Leyden
17. Eddy Sallee
18. Irina Mhellor
19. Dwight Randolph
20. Louis L. Hughes
21. Costas Schuler, Parent of 4
22. Gary Digman
23. Nancy Fullmer
24. Jim Sutton
25. Irina Barigona
26. Louis Damone
27. Andrea Hill
28. Uri Hill
29. Nori Dove
30. Michael Zieve
31. Anna Narbutovski
32. Ron Redmon